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SUBJECT: US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT: PROJECT 02.01-12,  
INSTRUMENT AND MEASUREMENT METHODOLOGY: EXCHANGE OF SPEC-  
TROSCOPIC DATA

REF: MOSCOW 16692

1. ON JULY 19, SHOSTAL INFORMED HELLER OF CONTENTS OF REF-  
TEL. HELLER STATED THAT, FOLLOWING THE INTERNATIONAL CON-  
FERENCE ON COMPUTERS IN CHEMICAL RESEARCH HELD IN NOVOSIBIRSK,  
HE WENT TO TASHKENT AND SAMARKAND. WHILE IN SAMARKAND ON  
JUNE 30, HE SAID HE BEGAN TO RUN A FEVER. HE MAINTAINED  
THAT HE NEVERTHELESS TRIED TO TELEPHONE HIS SOVIET HOST IN  
NOVOSIBIRSK, PROFESSOR KOPTYUG. HELLER CLAIMED THAT HE WAS  
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UNABLE TO REACH KOPTYUG, WHO WAS OUT OF TOWN, AND COULD NOT  
COMMUNICATE WITH KOPTYUG'S MOTHER, WHO ANSWERED THE TELEPHONE.  
ACCORDING TO HIS ACCOUNT, INTOURIST WAS UNABLE TO ARRANGE A  
FLIGHT FOR HIM TO RETURN TO NOVOSIBIRSK.

2. HELLER CONTINUED THAT, SINCE HE WAS NOT FEELING WELL AND  
DID NOT WISH TO REMAIN IN EITHER SAMARKAND OR TASHKENT FOR

THIS REASON, HE ACCEPTED OFFER OF AN INTOURIST GUIDE TO ACCOMPANY A GROUP RETURNING TO MOSCOW AND ARRIVED THERE APPROXIMATELY 2:00 AM ON SUNDAY, JULY 2. HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS WERE ARRANGED AT THE ROSSIYA. HE SAID HE ATTEMPTED UNSUCCESSFULLY TO TELEPHONE HYDROMET LATER THAT DAY. STILL FEELING SICK, HELLER SAID HE DECIDED TO RETURN TO THE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

3. SHOSTAL ASKED HELLER WHY HE HAD NOT ATTEMPTED TO COMMUNICATE WITH THE EMBASSY SO THAT THE EMBASSY COULD INFORM SOVIET SIDE ABOUT HIS DIFFICULTIES. HELLER RESPONDED THAT HE HAD HAD "PROBLEMS" WITH THE EMBASSY ON HIS ARRIVAL IN MOSCOW ON JUNE 17 AND DID NOT WISH TO HAVE FURTHER CONTACT WITH THE EMBASSY. SHOSTAL RESPONDED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, HELLER'S BEHAVIOR - PARTICULARLY HIS FAILURE TO INFORM EITHER THE EMBASSY OR US EXECSEC ABOUT THE SITUATION - WAS INDEFENSIBLE.

4. ACTION REQUEST: REQUEST EMBASSY INFORM HYDROMET OF HELLER'S VERSION OF EVENTS, CONVEYING US SIDE'S SINCERE REGRET AND APOLOGIES FOR INCONVENIENCE CAUSED TO SOVIET SIDE.

5. COMMENT: IN VIEW OF HELLER'S BEHAVIOR, WE DO NOT PLAN TO INVOLVE HIM IN ANY FURTHER ACTIVITIES UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.  
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6. US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMAN WISER PLANS TO SEND A LETTER OF APOLOGY TO HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART STEPANENKO. VANCE

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